



Jean R. Neeley

September 22, 1932 - April 22, 2019

Jean Rooney Neeley, 86 went to be with her Lord and Savior on April 22, 2019. She was born September 22, 1932 in Vincennes, IN to the late James and Estelle Rooney. She was married to James Barlow Neeley, February 6, 1954, and he preceded her in death December 7, 1978. Jean was employed with the IPS School Corporation and retired from Manual High School.

Through the years, Jean served in many ministries at Meridian Church of God. She was as a member of the Board of Elders, Missionary Committee and served at a work camp in Guatemala, The Red Hat Society, Women's Club President, Sunday School Teacher and sang in the Choir. Jean never met a stranger and if you talked with her long enough, you knew about her relationship with her God.

During the summer, for many years, you would find Jean on the sidelines of a baseball, basketball, soccer or football game of one of her grandchildren. She was their best cheerleader, cheering them on to victory. Jean loved spending time with her family and friends. She made sure to keep in touch with her family. She wanted to find out what was happening that was good and bad in their lives so she could pray for them. Always encouraging them and closing their phone calls in prayer. Jean was a person that walked her talk, when it came to her Christian Values; never wavering from God's truth. She was a very talented writer. Jean had the ability of capturing her most inner thoughts and documenting them so others could enjoy. With her ears tuned in with God, she had several short stories and devotions published by Guidepost.

Additionally, she frequently had publications in the church newsletters. Jean will be truly missed.

Jean is survived by her children, Diana Vick and Steven Neeley (Rebecca). Eight grandchildren Donald Vick (Kerry), Steven Neeley Jr (Krista), Michael Neeley (Abby), Tosha Vick, Justin Lawson, Joshua Lawson, Kasi Neeley Turner (Randy) and Jordan Lawson. She is also survived by a host of great grandchildren. Also, survived by a brother, Donald Rooney (Linda), sisters Phyllis Morales (Manual) and Patricia Clossey.

She is preceded in death by her children, Julie Lawson and John Neeley, sister Catherine McCready (Don).

Visitation will be Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m. at Meridian Church of God, 7800 S. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46217

In lieu of flowers, feel free to make a donation to the Cerebral Palsy Association in honor of her grandson, Justin Lawson.

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Indiana – 6270 Corporate Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

Arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers, Thompson Road Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

709 Harding Street
Plainfield, IN 46168

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Meridian Church of God
7800 South Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46217

Funeral Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - April 29, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Jean R. Neeley*.



April 26, 2019 at 02:51 PM



“ *Jean was a second mother to my son John because she took care of him from age 2 until he went to high school. I remember the first time I met her when I went to her house. She had just gotten Steve and Diane ready for bed. Diane crawled up on my lap and she smelled so clean and sweet that I knew instantly that I wanted Jean for a babysitter. Jean was always dear to us.*
Anita Martin Johnson

Ania Johnson - April 26, 2019 at 09:05 AM



Jean has talked many time through the years about Johnnie Martin and his mom. You held a very special place in her heart.

David Lawson - April 26, 2019 at 09:31 AM

DL

“ For the last 40 years, Jean has been a great encouragement and support for me and my sons. Thou she didn't have a lot of money, she always made sure my sons knew they were loved by just being available and spending time with them. She always had an ear to listen and offered prayer for support. Justin and Nana had a very special relationship. He would call her everyday and they would share the happenings of their day for many years. She looked so forward to this time of sharing. She loved me like a son and I loved her just as much as my own biological mom. My heart is torn between happiness, as I know there was a grand reunion in heaven the day of her passing and sadness as a great void is left to be filled. Thank you for loving, encouraging and making such a positive impact on my life. I love you and may you Rest In Peace until we meet again.

David Lawson - April 25, 2019 at 07:24 PM

DV

I considered Jean a dear friend. She was faithful and has now finished her race. Rejoicing she is in the Father's House, today!

Dorothy Vick - April 26, 2019 at 08:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jean R. Neeley.



April 25, 2019 at 12:25 PM

CM

“ To Steve, Diana and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at our friend Jean's passing.

We first met the Rooney family when they moved to Indianapolis in the 1940's we all lived in Ft Square and attended the Church of God together.

Rest in Peace Jean.

Clyde and Marlene McAdams

Clyde and Marlene McAdams - April 25, 2019 at 08:52 AM

SJ

To my wonderful grandma Jean. You were a remarkable woman a kind friend excellent grandma and an even better person. I smile often when I think of you. You will never be duplicated or forgotten. With sadness in my heart we have to say goodbye rest now and enjoy your time in heaven I love you so much Grams

steve j neeley jr - April 25, 2019 at 01:39 PM

AY

I met Jean at my work. I told her that she looked like my Aunt June. I told her everyone has a twin in this world. She was a very kind & sweet lady. I am glad, I got to meet her. She had a smile that lit up a room. God bless & comfort her entire family. R.I.P. Jean Neeley. 🕊️🦋

Annette York - April 26, 2019 at 03:44 AM